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TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT USIS THESSALONIKI LIBRARY

1. GREEK MALE, AGE APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS, ENTERED LIBRARY AT 0930 LOCAL TIME TODAY (FRIDAY, FEBURARY 24) AND SMASHED LARGE GLASS DOOR WITH A METAL BAR HE HAD HIDDEN IN HIS PANT LEG. HE WAS QUICKLY SUBDUED BY LOCAL POLICEMAN AND USIS GUARD ON DUTY PREMISES, ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO LOCAL POLICE STATION.

2. POLICE SEARCH OF ASSAILANT REVEALED THAT HE HAD ADDITIONAL METAL OBJECTS CONCEALED IN HIS CLOTHES AND A BOTTLE OF ACID THAT POLICE SAY HE INTENDED TO HURL AT USIS CENTER'S LIBRARIAN.

3. THERE IS ON INDICATION THAT INCIDENT WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO USIS LIBRARIAN, SUBJECT HAD VISITED CENTER ON EARLIER OCCASIONS AND HAD PAID HER IMPROPER ATTENTION.

4. BRANCH POST REPORTS THAT A GREEK PSYCHIATRIAT-- SUMMONED BY POLICE-- HAS SIGNED PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION OF INSANITY. SUBJECT WILL BE RETAINED IN POLICE CUSTODY AND COMMITTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC FOR EVALUATION.

5. BROKEN GLASS IS ONLY DAMAGE REPORTED. LIBRARY WAS CLOSED FOR THREE HOURS WHILE GLASS WAS REPLACED. GUARDS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TIGHTTEN SECURITY FURTHER, EMPLOYING A HAND METAL DETECTOR TO SEARCH ALL INCOMING LIBRARY PATRONS.

6. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY UNTIL NOW, AND POST ATTEMPTING
TO DOWNPLAY INCIDENT. WILL ADVISE AGENCY OF ANY FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS.
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